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Letter dated 15 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued by the Government of Kuwait, concerning the report carried by the information media on the declaration put out by the Iraqi regime today, containing its conditions for withdrawal from Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Statement by the Government of Kuwait

Mr. Abd ar-Rahman Abdullah Al-Awadi, the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, said that the report carried by the information media, concerning the declaration put out by the Iraqi regime today and containing its conditions for withdrawal from Kuwait, added nothing new to Iraq's stubborn position and merely constituted a continuation of the policy of deception, duplicity and procrastination which the Iraqi regime had consistently pursued since its iniquitous invasion of Kuwait. It also constituted a further episode in that regime's desperate attempts and manoeuvres to circumvent the resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations, with a view to breaking out of its present state of isolation and splitting the international consensus that rejected its ongoing tyrannical occupation of Kuwait.

The Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs emphasized Kuwait's clearly-defined and firm position, namely its insistence on full and unconditional compliance with all the Security Council resolutions relating to the question of Kuwait.

He said that world-wide attention should be drawn to the tragic situation that the steadfast Kuwaiti people had been experiencing in the territory of Kuwait since 2 August 1990, as well as the daily sufferings of our fellow citizens who were incarcerated in detention centres, where they were being murdered and subjected to various forms of torture and ill-treatment at the hands of the forces of the treacherous Iraqi regime.

Mr. Abd ar-Rahman Abdullah Al-Awadi went on to say that Kuwait was calling upon the international community to resolutely pursue its endeavours to put an end to the tragic situation in which the Kuwaiti people found itself, to intensify its diligent efforts to compel the Iraqi regime to comply fully and unconditionally with the relevant Security Council resolutions, and to restore justice in a manner conducive to the achievement of security and stability in the region and to the promotion of a new international order aimed at bringing about regard to a peaceful and secure world. At the same time, Kuwait was urging the fraternal Iraqi people to take a united stand in the face of injustice and tyranny and to rid Iraq of its despotic leadership whose perverse policy had brought about successive disasters, the main victims of which had been Iraq and its citizens. In particular, the grave consequences of that policy had led the Arab and Islamic nations into further disunion, fragmentation and destruction.